Basic Texas Living

Surviving in the Lone Star State

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Texas Survival Tips

- Wear a cowboy hat, a big one.
- Carry a wallet with a safety chain attached to a belt with a large sterling silver buckle.
- Drive an immaculately detailed 4X4 and don’t forget the gun rack.
- Get a BIG dog. Haul it around in the truck.
- Never covet any woman whose husband is named “Billy Roy” or “Roy Dell.”

Texas Survival Tips

And Always Remember...

Texans LOVE two things:

- Guns &
- Football

Firearm Injuries & Prevention

(Works in any state.)

Overview

- The prevalence of firearm injuries in America.
- Unintentional injuries, occurring mainly in children.
- Intentional injuries, occurring mainly in adults.
- Methods for preventing these injuries.

Firearm Injuries

- Account for one-fifth of all injury **deaths**.
- Are second only to motor vehicle accidents as a cause of **fatal** injury.
- Resulted in **34,000 deaths** in 1988.
- Were implicated in **236,000 nonfatal** events in 1985 at an estimated lifetime cost of over **14 billion** dollars.

Unintentional Injuries

- Occur mainly in children and adolescents.
- Can affect your child even if you personally do not keep guns in the home.
- Are **PREVENTABLE:**
  - Keep guns unloaded, with ammunition stored separately, in locked compartments.
  - Fit all firearms with trigger locks.
  - Discuss the dangers of gun play and violence with your children.

Homicide & Suicide

- Occur mainly from adolescence onward.
- Cause equal numbers of deaths from 15-45. After 45, suicide drastically increases while homicide decreases.
- Require that guns be stored **OUTSIDE** the home for prevention.
  - I will ask/require that you store any firearm on base if I feel that the household is at risk.

What About Self Defense?

"Although home protection is the major reason given for handgun ownership, Kellermann and Reay (1986) found that for every case in which a person was killed by a handgun in the home as an act of self defense, handguns were used in the home for:

- 1.3 fatal unintentional shootings
- 5 homicides
- and 37 suicides."

Summary

- Guns are **designed to kill,** and they do so at an alarming rate in our society.
- These deaths and injuries are **preventable** through prudent storage of firearms and ammunition and through awareness of the dangers of firearms in our homes and neighborhoods.

Test Your Knowledge

What's faster than a speeding bullet?

- 1997 Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson.
- Able to leap the sidelines in a single bound to procure errant passes from Michigan State's QB.
- Slicing through Ohio State's defense on his way to the end zone.
- **The University of Michigan Football Team: 1997 NCAA Football National Champions.**

Questions?